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Instructions for preparation of abstracts associated with processing information for the retrieval system of the Michigan State University Regional Instructional Materials Center for Handicapped Children and Youth are given in the manual. An abstract is described as a summary of a written work's content which must provide information that both assists the user in choosing original material and provides data and terms for the computer program. Specified for preparation of abstracts are approaches to perusing material prior to writing, length limitations (250 words maximum), and writing suggestions for paragraphs, topic sentences, and descriptive sentences. Included is a page of alternate word and phrase choices to aid abstractors in avoiding trite phrases, overworked verbs, literary effusions, and biases. Detailed instructions, and sample abstracts and forms are given for the following categories of instructional material: audio visual and curriculum materials, printed documents, equipment journals, and large type materials. A library form lists descriptor terms used in information retrieval. (For relat d information, see EC 052 049 and EC 052 050). (MC)

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#### Preface

This manual explains the use of forms and techniques needed to prepare information for the IMC-HCY information retrieval system. An abstract must be prepared for each individual item acquired by the Center to fully utilize the Basic Indexing and Retrieval System (BIRS) now being used. This booklet is the result of what has been learned to date in preparing over 3500 abstracts of audio-visual materials, curriculum materials, professional documents, educational equipment, and journal literature. It also contains passages from the SEIMC Guidelines for Abstracting and Indexing Professional Literature and Instructional

Other manuals are available: IMC-HCY Library Procedures Manual; 3

Keypunching Manual; 4 Data Processing Manual; and the over-view paper,

"Regional Information Centers: A Frontier in Small Library Automation." 6

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#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Abstracting is the art of summarizing the contents of a written work. For our purposes this includes selected audio visual aids, curriculum materials, professional documents, educational equipment and journal literature.

The two primary purposes of our abstracts are to provide information that will assist the user in deciding whether to examine the original item, and to provide data for the computer programs to extract descriptive terms for our information retrieval system.

While there are many types of abstracts, TICA-3<sup>1</sup> a selective type of abstract is best suited for our needs, since it emphasizes information of interest to particular groups of the IMC's clientele.

Although the preparation of a good abstract demands abilities of a high order, it can constitute excellent training for whatever field the student plans to enter. For effective results it is highly desirable that the abstractor adopt a uniform method of preparing abstracts. The following guidelines and forms are designed to make the procedure concise and to encourage a writing habit that is conducive to preparing quality abstracts.

Uniformity should extend even to the methods of indenting and the visual break up of the material, since a solid page of typewritten material is less inviting to read. Accepted rules about paragraph writing must be followed, especially those regarding coherence and unity. Generally, the first sentence states the topic and because it occupies this strategic position, it should be

Elias, Arthur, Editor. <u>Technical Information Center Administration 3</u>, pp. 27-44, Spartan Books, 1967.

as full and accurate a statement as possible of one of the following: (1) what the article says, (2) what the total subject and scope of the document is, or (3) what the author's purpose is in writing the document.

The next paragraph describes the contents of the document, such as pertinent subjects covered, research methods used and conclusions drawn. The abstractor should use as many sources of reference materials as are available, including publisher's catalogs, sales brochures, manufacturer's literature, manuals and the item itself. Care should be taken, however, not to quote directly from any literature, but rather to express the information in the abstractor's own words. Useful in gathering information is the book jacket which sometimes gives a pertinent account of the document. The table of contents with a sentence or two about each major heading can help in furnishing the required balance for the abstract. Also helpful are any summaries at the ends of chapters or at the book's conclusion. Check the beginning of each chapter or section for important information, usually designated by one of the following:

- A. Boldface (heavy type)
- D. Conclusion

B. Abstract

E. First Paragraph

C. Summary

F. Last Paragraph

A final paragraph should be the author's and not the abstractor's interpretation. It may be either the author's specific answers to the problem or his theoretical and/or practical conclusions. The abstractor should always avoid using his own qualifying words, such as "excellent," "unusual," and "thorough." It must be clear that any conclusions or implications stated are those of the author. While a background of professional knowledge and interest can be an asset to the abstractor, it can also be a block to objectivity. It must be assumed that the potential user of the system is in search of factual information, not the judgement or professional opinion of the abstractor.

A common defect in the preparation of an abstract is the overemphasis of incidental and minor details. Some attention, therefore, should be given to the relative proportions and importance of the material to be included. Correct word choice (see page 4) and sentence structure will help to make your meaning immediately clear to the reader.

In general, the best procedure in preparing an abstract is to read or peruse the item briefly to get an impression of its content, and make appropriate notes. Then reorganize these notes and write the abstract. A major pitfall to be avoided is beginning each paragraph or sentence with "This book," "The book," "This article," "It is suggested that...," or "It was found that...," or "It was reported that..." Abstracts in which most sentences end with "...are discussed" and "...are given," are equally ineffective. Try inverting the sentence to say, for example, "Blindness is the major subject dealt with in this book," rather than "This book is about blindness." Try also "The subject of this book...," "A main concern...," "The primary focus..." The tables on page 4 furnish phrases and beginning words to help in this matter.

The abstractor should use complete sentences and present the material briefly rather than in a flowing literary style. Through the intellegent use of transitional words and phrases, one can avoid writing a paragraph that is nothing more than a series of sentences, each one summarizing a separate topic in the document. Try not to use words in the abstract which are already in the title.

If acronyms are used, the full wording represented should be written out the first time it appears; e.g., "American Educational Research Association (AERA)." Letters in acronyms are not separated by periods, and an acronym should not be given if the full name or title will appear only once in the abstract.

Abstracts are normally limited to 250 words, including the information on the abstract form. If an abstract contains more than 250 words, modifying words (adjectives, adverbs) and other less important words should be deleted, as conciseness in the abstract is of paramount importance.

The following tables are intended to jog your thinking about writing more concise abstracts.

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Your abstract should contain the following information:

The trade name of the item and the type of equipment, (e.g., Audiotronics tape recorder).

The physical description of the item including the size, weight, color, use of knobs and/or dials. This should not be technical in nature and need not be extremely detailed.

The general and specific uses of the item including which curricular area(s), disability area(s) and grade levels it was intended or could be used for.

For additional information see page 33 of the SEIMC Guidelines for Abstracting and Indexing Professional Literature and Instructional Materials.

Consult the Publishers File for the vendors brochures and literature on this item.

### . USOE/MSU IMC-HCY Representative Audio-Visual Abstract

Content. Six filmstrips, six 33 1/3 rpm synchronized records, and 10 loose-leaf test

booklets with 14 clear acetate laminated pages make up this kit. Also included

is a teacher's manual containing instructions and a complete copy of the pupil's test booklet.

This material, designed to develop auditory perception in kindergart in and primary hearing impaired children, would also be useful with the neurologically impaired. Use of auditory and visual association is stressed in this kit, which presents gross noises and sounds associated with the circus, home, a band concert, city, farm, and Christmas. The story content is presented twice in each filmstrip. The teacher may use either the first version, in which captions duplicate the record narration, or the second version containing no captions for those too young to read or for those distracted by printed matter. Six review frames at the end of each version contain twelve selected sounds from the story, which will be used later for testing purposes. Each two-page spread in the test booklet has pictures for the twelve review sounds which duplicate the filmstrip pictures. The pupils record their responses with a grease-base pencil or a crayon, which can be wiped off. On each record the first band of side A contains the complete filmstrip narration and sound effects. The 12 test sounds are presented in different order on the second and third bands. If the teacher chooses, side B, which contains one test sound per band, may be used for testing. On side B there is a locked groove at the end of each band which prevents the record from progressing to the next band unless moved by the teacher.

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Specific Instructions for Curriculum Material Abstracts

Your abstract should contain the following information:

The type of material it is, (e.g., textbook, guidebook, workbook, teacher's manual and format used). Educational and interest areas covered, the subject and/or content area for which it is intended, and whether it is developmental, supplementary or remedial text material.

Pay particular attention to type size and its suitability for partially seeing children.

For additional information see pages 20-23 of the SEIMC Guidelines for Abstracting and Indexing Professional Literature and Instructional Materials.

Consult the Publishers File for the vendors brochures and literature on this item.



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#### Representative Curriculum Materials Abstract

Content: Assembled for teachers of Educable Mentally Retarded Children, this curriculum guide establishes as its goals of education to provide experiences which contribute to healthy emotional and social development, by developing the skill subjects, enabling the child to recognize his limitations and abilities, and training him realistically for adult life.

The guide is organized in terms of grade levels: primary, intermediate, junior high, senior high. The curriculum for each level centers around problems which the child must handle both in childhood and adulthood. These subject areas were designated as: citizenship, home and family, travel and recreation, communication, safety, food, clothing, health, and occupational adequacy, for each subject area. The guide outlines the objectives, plan of presentation, content and suggested activities. It provides some preliminary hints to the teacher and a brief description of the child, and concludes by supplying lists of basic curriculum materials and supplementary materials for the different grade divisions.

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RESEARCH DOCUMENT abstracts should contain, (1) objectives and hypotheses, (2) number and characteristics of subjects used, (3) methodology, (4) findings, types of statistical analyses, and levels of confidence of significant results, and (5) specific conclusions, implications, or recommendations for further research.

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conclusions or evaluations of the program's effectiveness.

SPEECHES, STATEMENTS OF OPINION, and DISCUSSIONS OF GENERAL ISSUES abstracts should contain the main theme, the issues discussed, and the author's point of view.

For additional information see pages 5-7 of the SEIMC Guidelines for Abstracting and Indexing Professional Literature and Instructional Materials.

#### USOE/MSU IMC-HCY

#### Representative Printed Documents Abstract

Content. The specific concern of this book is to present a developmental examination of the child that will reveal him as a total individual, telling about his level and method of growing and his state of readiness for the different stages of the educative process. Regardless of chronological age, it is considered that a child's performance needs to be at the 5-year-old level before he enters kindergarten, therefore criteria of school entrance and correct grade placement are vital.

Part II proposes a developmental examination (using techniques developed at the Gesell Institute and standardized on a population of New Haven school children between 5 - 10 years) that takes about half an hour and allows for easy spontaneity between child and examiner. An interview is followed by paper and pencil tests, copy forms, incomplete man, right and left, and visual tests.

Part III gives a specific picture of each age from 5 - 10 years; and Part IV is addressed to the relationships between parents and educators, and the need for them to be brought together to look at the child as he <u>is</u> and not as they want him to be.

Appendices give details of tables and basic data regarding subjects, sex and group differences, the Rorscharch test, and samples of test record forms.

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The title of the item (obtained from the item, container or literature).

The type of material such as an instructional game or toy, puzzle, model, chart, musical instrument. Give a complete physical description including size, weight, color, how packaged and the use of any knobs and dials. This should not be technical in nature and need not be extremely detailed. Educational or interest level and applicable content areas for which it is intended by the manufacturer. For which disability areas (if any) it was intended and pertinent grade levels if noted. Also note any prepared materials that come with the item, or whether you make your own. If this information is not supplied, please note.

For additional information see pages 29-30 of the SEIMC Guidelines for Abstracting and Indexing Professional Literature and Instructional Materials.

Consult the Publishers File for the vendors brochures and literature on this item.

#### USOE/MSU IMC-HCY Representative Equipment Abstract

stimulus cards in full color (covering the topics of animals, clothing, facial discrimination, food, household, number concepts, people, toys, visual closure, and V. P. Mooney); 20 family and home cards; 6 large story posters; 6 plastic-coated music cards with songs on records; 240 plastic color chips which will clip together; 3 puppets made of cloth and soft plastic; and cloth P. Mooney bag; 1 P. Mooney stick for the zylophone; 2 solid manikins (a boy and a girl), 1 disassembled manikin; 21 life-sized plastic fruits and vegetables; 45 plastic covered magnetic geometric shapes; 22 plastic covered magnetic strips; 10 (7 inch 33 1/3 rpm) recordings of songs and stories; and one zylophone. The contents are stored in 2 metal boxes. Not included, but needed, is a record player.

The stress of the Peabody Kit is on overall oral language development and involves reception using the three key sense modalities of sight, hearing, touch, vocal and motor expression, and the cognitive divergent, convergent, and associative processes. Also emphasized are patterns of syntax and simple grammar. The manual outlines 180 lessons sequenced by difficulty. Each daily lesson is usually given in two parts. The lessons are readiness activities and do not require the child to read or write. Desadvantaged urban and rural kindergarten children were the focus for the development of the Level P Kit and the material is geared to the mental ages of 3 to 5. This mental age allows it to be used with gifted and average 3 and 4 year olds, disadvantaged children in kindergarten, young school age educable retarded, pre-teen trainable retarded, primary classes for emotionally disturbed and brain-damaged, in the beginning stages of speech therapy, and can be modified for teaching English as a second language.

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The goal of the institution is the maximum growth of the individual, his independence and his return to the community. Residential treatment requires a well-trained staff and an environment which resembles community life rather than a sterile atmosphere. It must incorporate a school program and treatment programs such as psychiatry, neurology and other medical programs. Future emphasis will encourage institutions of smaller population to be formed, as well as programs of extramural activities, or part-time and short-stay hospitalization, and formalized affiliations with other community resources.

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HANDICAPPED - use when item has applications in all areas of special education HARD OF HEARING

DEAF

RETARDED - use when applicable to both Trainable and Educable areas EDUCABLE

TRAINABLE

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